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2 Policemen, Employee Save 15-year-old's Life

by Dave Atkins

Sometimes an act which, to most police officers and firemen, seems like just another call in the line of duty, appears to the rest of us as nothing short of heroic. Such heroism was recently displayed by two Romulus police officers and an employee of the Osborne Concrete Company when they rescued a 15-year-old accident victim at about 7:30 a.m. last Saturday, December 23.

When Officer Tom Ellis received the initial trouble call from the 911 dispatcher, and Officer Mike St. Andre received the backup call, the two were told only that a man was trapped in a machine at the concrete company; the type of machine involved was not mentioned. Ellis and St. Andre responded immediately, and were at the scene within seconds of the alert.

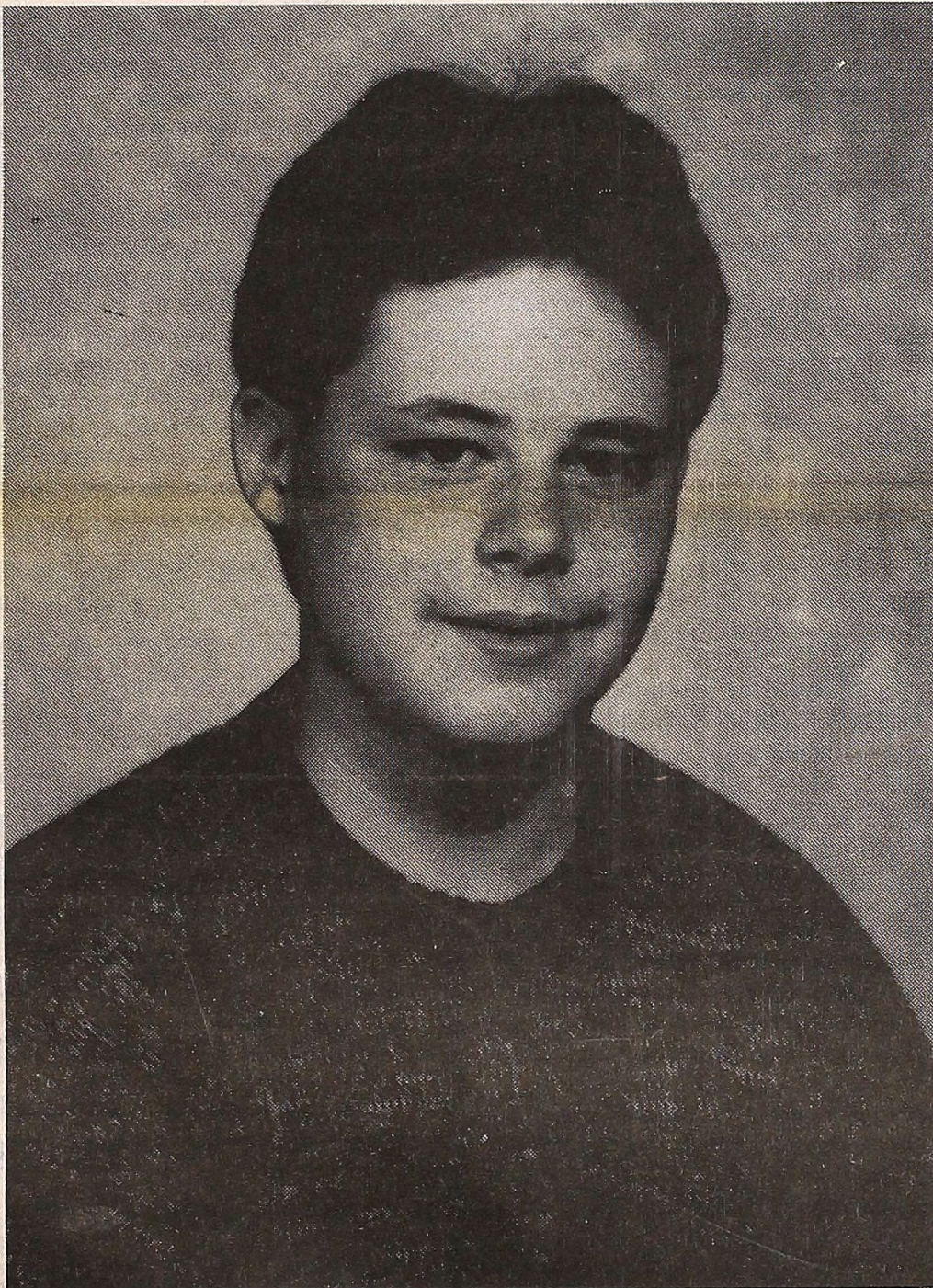
When they arrived, the officers were told by employee Ken Brown that the victim was a 15-year-old boy who had fallen into a grinder/hopper. Apparently, the boy, who was later identified as John Osborne, Jr. (the son of the owner of the company), was trying to push some frozen sand into the hopper with his foot when he slipped and fell into the turning blades. John Jr. was alone when the accident occurred, and he lay there for about a half hour before Brown discovered him.

Brown explained to Ellis and St. Andre that he had received training as an emergency medical technician, and that, if they could hold the boy, he thought that he could turn the blades by hand to free him.

Brown positioned himself at the bottom of the hopper, below the boy; St. Andre was above the boy so that he could pull him out once he had been freed from the blades; and Ellis was above St. Andre, holding him so that he wouldn't fall into the blades, too.

Brown was able to turn the blades and free the boy from them, but the first two attempts to pull John Jr. from the hopper failed because of the frozen, slippery condition of the shaft.

Then the Fire Department arrived, just minutes after the call for help went out. Its men gave Officer Ellis a rope to tie around the boy and provided a back support. A makeshift sling was made, and soon John Jr. was removed from the hopper.



John Osborne, Jr., trapped in a grinder/hopper for a half hour before being discovered by Osborne Concrete employee Ken Brown.

According to Officer Ellis, it was a good thing that the weather was as cold as it was, because an artery in the boy's leg had been severed, and if the weather had been any warmer, he could have bled to death.

After his rescue, John Jr. was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, transferred by helicopter to University of Michigan Hospital, and then transferred again to Mott Children's Hospital

(a special section of UofM Hospital) where surgery was performed to amputate one of his legs above the knee. His condition has been reported as stable, but, at this time, it appears that further surgeries may be necessary.

According to John Jr.'s sister, the Osborne family is extremely grateful to Ken Brown and the men of the Romulus police and fire departments. They appreciate the quick response to

the call for help, the efforts made (at personal risk) to rescue John Jr., and the kindness and consideration shown to them afterward. The actions of all were above and beyond the call of duty.

People like Brown (who has served for 17 years as an E.M.T. in another community) and officers St. Andre and Ellis put their lives on the line for us *every day*, and they and their brethren deserve all of the commendation and praise that we can heap on them. Anyone who reads the newspaper, watches television news, or listens to a police scanner even casually should realize what tremendous service, in the face of grave dangers, these men and women give to the community. Their noble efforts are the mark of true heroes.

We are fortunate, very fortunate — we have a 911 system that works and, most importantly, we have people who really care. It is good to be reminded of that, at times.

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As a postscript, I would like to inform our readers that the latest medical reports from John Jr.'s doctors indicate that he will be hospitalized for at least four to six more weeks. That's a long stay in bed for anyone, but it will be especially hard for someone as young and active as John. To help him keep up his morale, Officer Tom Ellis has suggested that we print John's hospital address so that well-wishers can send him cards and letters, so here it is:

John Osborne, Jr.
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Officer Ellis also discovered, when he took John a Romulus Police hat to remind him that our officers are pulling for him, that John collects hats of all types. He thinks that it would be wonderful if everyone could show John their support by sending him as many hats as possible. (Hats can be dropped off at the police station on Olive.) We agree.

Get well soon, John. □

THE EDITOR'S OPINION

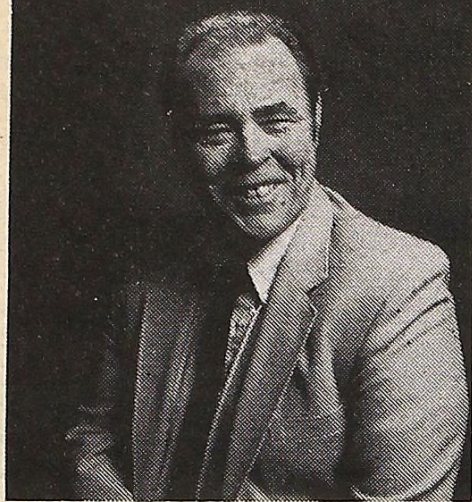


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Baby, It's Cold Outside!

by Dave Atkins

I don't like cold weather under any circumstances, and I'm sure I'm not the only person who feels that way, especially among people over the ripe old age of 40.

You see, when it gets really cold outside, people over 40 start to suffer pain in parts of their body that they never previously suspected could hurt so badly — hands, feet, joints. Cold air also makes it difficult to breathe (especially if you smoke), and shoveling the snow that is often a byproduct of all that cold weather can be dangerous, as well.

Add to that list high heating bills and trouble getting your car to start, and it's easy to see why the cold weather makes so many of us miserable.

On the other hand, there are those who depend upon cold weather to make (or supplement) their living. Take, for instance, the man who cuts grass in the summer. Obviously, if he is to continue to earn money during the winter months, he is going to have to work a different job if he lives in a state like Michigan! One obvious method of supplementing his income would be to plow snow, and that is, indeed, what many people in such a position do.

Cold weather is also responsible for a significant amount of the business done by salt companies, hardware stores, etc. To find out more about what people need most to survive our winters, I talked to Tony Kopas, the owner of Romulus Hardware.

According to Kopas, the number-one seller during the winter months is salt, which confirms my earlier statement about salt companies. One thing that did surprise me, however, was the amount of straw that is bought. Apparently, much of this straw is being sold to dog owners, who keep their animals (both hunting dogs and pets) outside most or all of the time, because straw is a good insulating agent for doghouses. All I can say is that, judging from the amount of straw Kopas sells, there must

be a real abundance of dogs in our town!

Gloves are another big seller for Kopas, especially when the weather is as cold as it has been so far this year.

Water pipes tend to freeze in this kind of weather, so heat tape is yet another good product to purchase and put to immediate use. I know that this is true because, three years ago, I paid a big price for forgetting to turn off the water to the pipe leading to the outside faucets when the cold temperatures set in. One night (Christmas Eve, no less!), at about 3 a.m., I heard what sounded like an explosion in my basement. When I rushed downstairs to find out what had happened, I discovered water pouring down the wall, ruining many of the gifts that had not yet been carried upstairs. That pipe had frozen and burst open, and I had one heck of a time cleaning up the mess and shutting off the water. Guess who is now absolutely faithful about shutting off the water to the outside faucet at the end of the watering season. Me!

You see, winter-related business really is a major part of our economy. Ski lodges, auto parts stores, clothing shops, feed stores, and even grocery stores do some, most, or even all of their business during the cold-weather season.

As for me, I still don't like the cold weather, and I probably never will, but one thing that I am thankful for is the small-business people in this town who supply our needs during the winter months.

I continue to have a strong belief in supporting our local businesses. Sure, some of them charge a little more for some items than we would pay at one of the huge discount stores, but that's only because they have to pay a larger price for things themselves, since they can't buy from manufacturers in the same quantities that their larger competitors can. Besides, think how much more convenient it is to go "just around the corner" for something you need, instead of driving all the way to Southland, Westland, Canton, etc. (and using all that gas) just to save a buck — especially when the wind-chill factor is about 30 below zero.

Think about it, and then visit your local merchants, because "Baby, it's cold outside!" □

SSA Cautions Employers on Year-End W-2s

submitted by Frances Heimes-Savickis, Field Representative for the Social Security Administration's Inkster branch office

Employers should be sure to check their year-end wage statements to ensure that the information they contain is accurate and complete, Social Security officials caution.

The W-2 statements are the basis for the lifelong earnings record on which Social Security determines entitlement to retirement, survivors, disability, and Medicare hospital insurance benefits.

Employees must be given their copies of the Form W-2 by January 31 for the preceding year. Copy A of the W-2 must be forwarded to the appropriate Social Security Data Operations Center for the employer's state by February 28 of the same year, using Form W-3 (Transmittal of Income and Tax Statement). The Data Operations Center for each region is listed on the back of the Form W-3.

Employers should check the W-2 to be sure the name and Social Security number for each employee is correct. They should also check the wage amounts reported and the Employer Identification Number (EIN).

The W-3 should be checked to make sure it contains the correct EIN and any other employer identification numbers used during the year. Also, the employer should make sure that wages reported on W-2s equal the total shown on the W-3s, and that the amount of wages reported on the forms to Social Security equal the amount reported to the Internal Revenue Service on the quarterly IRS Form 941 during the year. □

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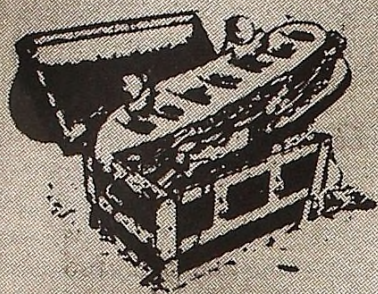
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Straight From the Heart

submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Note: While an industrial back injury is certainly painful to the employee, it also creates problems for labor, management, and insurance companies. It's to everyone's advantage to correct the back injury as quickly as possible. The question then arises as to which is the most efficient method of caring for industrial back injuries. Fortunately, we don't have to rely on mere opinion for the answer; several major studies of this very situation have been made and are thoroughly documented.

An Early Study

While this study goes way back to 1949, and the costs and wages seem ludicrous by our current inflated standards, the pattern that emerges is one that has held up over the years. Back strain injuries then accounted for 10% of all lost-time injuries, according to the National Safety Council. The results were obtained from Workmen's Compensation records, field reports, and insurance companies, comparing the differences in four types of back injury care: chiropractic, osteopathy, medical, non-hospital, and medical hospital. As previously mentioned, the costs of that time are difficult to relate to today's costs. (The average wage of the workers in the study was \$50.80 per week,

for example.) The following shows the results of treatment by the four health care methods.

	W.C.	Ins.
Chiropractic	\$10.89	\$ 5.05
Osteopathy	\$11.50	\$ 5.93
Medical (non-hosp.)	\$19.88	\$ 8.27
Medical (hosp.)	\$33.83	\$14.40
W.C. = Workmen's Compensation		
Ins. = Insurance Companies		

The field reports were compiled from chiropractors' records throughout the United States and Canada, and, consequently, make no comparisons with other types of treatment. However, there are certain findings that should be highlighted. Of those who visited a chiropractor, 48% lost no time from their job. There is another conclusion to be drawn — the sooner the injured worker went to the chiropractor, the more effective the treatment and the fewer the lost work days. Of those who went immediately to their chiropractor, 63% lost no time at all. There were only 36% who reported no lost work days if they waited more than 30 days before seeking chiropractic help. When you consider that an estimated 10 million work hours are lost each year because of back injuries, these findings are extremely important.

Florida Study

In 1956, an independent research study of the records of the Florida Industrial Commission was made, covering all cases of sprains and strains of the neck, spinal column vertebrae, and back (external). The total number of cases

analyzed was 19,666. In this study, comparisons were made between patients treated by medical doctors and chiropractors. All figures given are averages.

	Total Cost	Days Lost	No. of Visits
Chiropractors	\$ 60	3	9
Medical Doctors	\$102	9	6

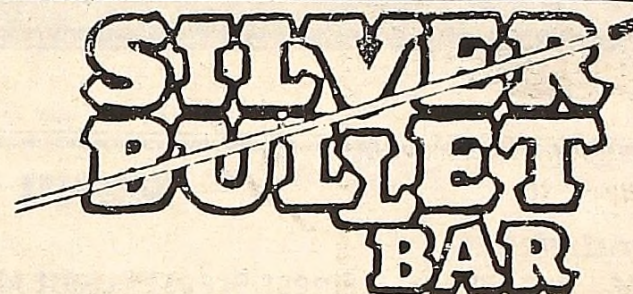
The same comparison was made of cases treated by chiropractors and those treated by specialists: orthopedists, neurologists, and, occasionally, psychiatrists. All figures given are averages.

	Total Cost	Days Lost	No. of Visits
Chiropractors	\$ 59	2.5	8.6
Specialists	\$299	30.0	18.1

The facts speak for themselves, especially when it is noted that strains and sprains are increasing in cost and frequency out of proportion to all other types of industrial injury.

Oregon Study

In 1971, another industrial back injury study was performed, using records of the Workmen's Compensation Board of the State of Oregon. While the sample was less than that reviewed in some other studies covered in this letter, the findings are clearly of significance. There were 237 cases studied; of these, 25 underwent surgery (after one year, 14 of those remained on a time-loss basis). On non-surgical treatment for comparable types of diagnosis, 82% of those treated by chiropractors were able to resume work after one week of time lost, as opposed to 41%
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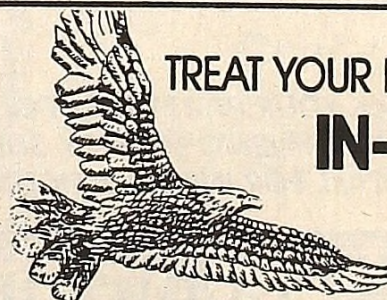
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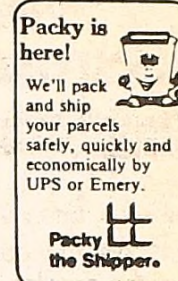


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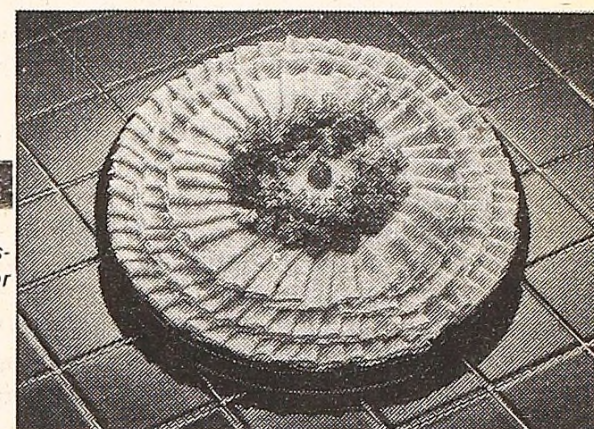
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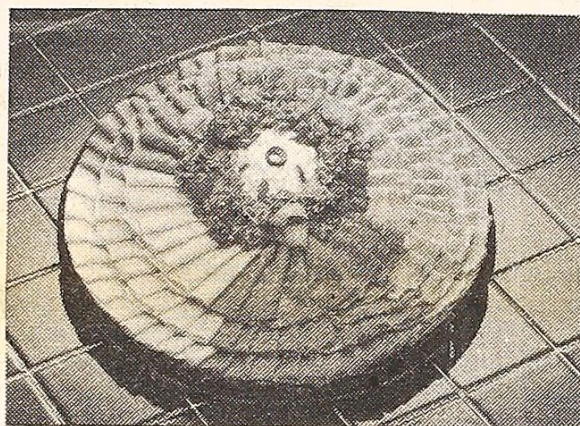
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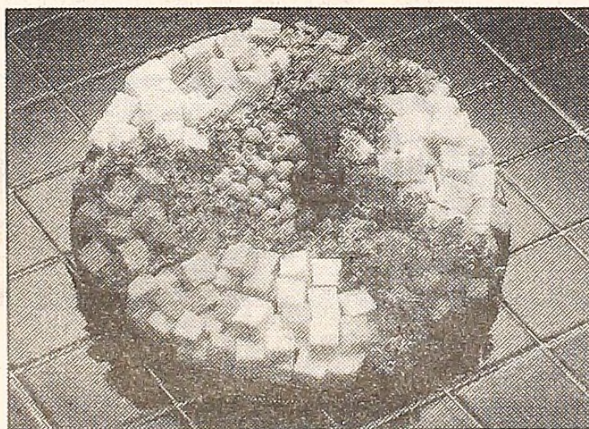


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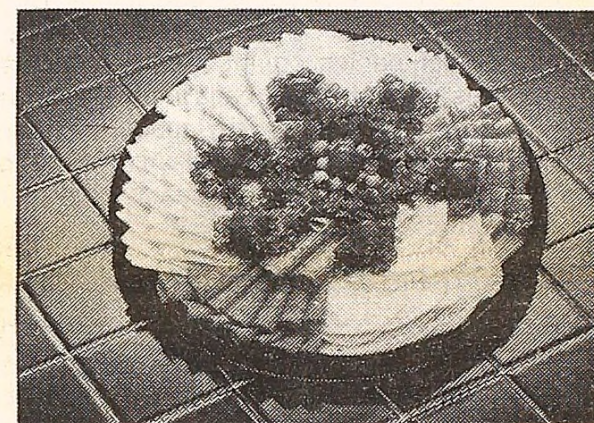


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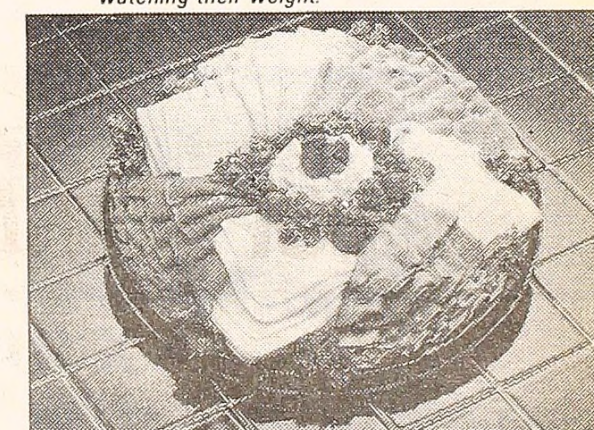


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Sports Summaries

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Overall: 2-2 **League: 0-2**

After two well-deserved victories over Belleville and Marine City, our varsity evened its record at 2-2 with losses to League rival Ann Arbor Pioneer (78-72) and Ypsilanti (62-56).

In the game against Ypsilanti, the Eagles were led, once again, by senior forward Larry Perkins, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds. (In fact, Perkins has been named Romulus High School's "Athlete of the Month" for his efforts in these first games.) The team managed to put together a 17-point lead before the Ypsilanti fans, but then came turnover and foul problems. Both Kelvin Brown and Virgil Davis fouled out, and the bench, which has been outstanding all season, couldn't fight off the Braves' press, allowing Ypsilanti to come from behind for the victory.

Kelvin Brown had his best game this season in the rebound category, as he and Larry Perkins had to battle the much-taller Ypsilanti team. Off the bench, Marlan Hicks played well, scoring six key points and playing good, sound defense. Torrey Mills helped with the defense, also, but it just wasn't enough to handle the Braves.

J.V. Boys' Basketball

Overall: 2-2 **League: 0-2**

After hustling their way to victories over Belleville and Marine City, the J.V. Eagles dropped a very tough two-point defeat to Ann Arbor Pioneer and then showed their youth by making numerous turnovers in a lopsided loss (76-41) to Ypsilanti.

Coach Marcus Harris is using a number of players in his lineup, and is stressing that defense will win the game.

Playing well for the junior varsity team are Dedric Clark, Rob Thompson, Chris Chambers, and John Dinkins, with a lot of support coming off the bench.

Wrestling

Overall: 2-0 **League: 1-0**

It appears that our wrestling team is once again ready to compete for the League, and possibly even the State, Championship. The Eagles finished first and second in the Flint Kearsley and Lansing Eastern invitationals, and victories by Dale Gehringer, Mike Scully, David Gehringer, Brian McNett, Bill Lincoln, and Scott Murawski, as well as a default to Bruce Boyd, assured an Eagle win over Southgate Anderson (40-21). Brian Farnan, the only Romulus wrestler with a first-place finish at Lansing Eastern, was recently named the Mellus Player of the Week.

Also contributing to the team's success thus far are Terry Shenton and Mark Warren.

A recent poll of wrestling coaches ranked the Eagles third in the State, and they are competing without State contender Tim Kosikowski (separated shoulder) and voiding the 171, 189, and heavyweight spots in their lineup.

The Eagle wrestlers will travel to Brother Rice for a tough tournament on January 6, but are truly looking forward to their own Romulus Royal Tournament (Saturday, January 27), which will feature at least five of the top 10 teams in the State.

J.V. Volleyball

Overall: 3-3 **League: 0-0**

The young volleyballers began their 1989-90 season with a very tough tournament in Taylor. A lot of early-season mistakes cost the Eagles an opportunity to play for the Championship, but taught these young athletes a lesson on what kind of play it is going to take in order for them to be successful.

The team will host a 10-team tournament on Thursday, December 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and would like to invite all students, staff, and community

members out to see what is sure to be very exciting play.

Varsity Volleyball

Overall: 5-1 **League: 0-0**

"Defense was the key to our success," stated Coach Gail Coleman. "The other teams kept hitting the ball and we just kept digging it up until they became frustrated and made a mistake."

The Eagles' only loss of the day came to highly rated Garden City (by scores of 15-13, 15-13). Victories for the day came over Southgate Anderson, Riverview, Taylor Kennedy, Southgate Aquinas, and a three-game match with Wyandotte (15-17, 15-5, 15-8).

Playing well for the Eagles all day were Brooke Hammers and Chris Stratton. Brooke and Chris were both solid hitters for the Eagles, while Chris combined with Tammy Trubilowicz and Michele Scarrow to solidify the back-line defense.

Michele and fellow junior Jennifer Daniel led the Eagles in service points for the day, while Jennifer and Brooke solidified the offense with solid setting throughout the tournament.

"For our team to do well this year, we cannot depend upon a few people to do well," concluded Coach Coleman. "We need a total team effort like we had this weekend. Although a couple of people stood out for the day, we had others who really played well in spurts, and those individuals gave up the opportunity to play against Garden City in the finals."

Playing well for the Eagles either as starters or off the bench were senior Susan Hamel and juniors Renee Bitner and Angie Slawinski.

"The nature of the game doesn't allow for a lot of substituting," stated Coleman. "When you have a team that is playing well, you stay with it. Momentum is about 50% of the game, and a wrong move at a wrong time can actually cost you a game."

The Varsity Eagles will host the seventh annual Romulus Christmas Tournament on Friday, December 29,

when 10 of the best teams in eastern Michigan will compete: Jackson, Flint Central, Belleville, Oakland Catholic, Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, Trenton, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Gibraltar Carlson, and Lincoln Park.

Hope to see all of those looking for an exciting post-Christmas event to attend. □

Senior News and Events

by Mary E. Clark

Happy New Year, everyone!

Special thanks are due to Frances Heimes-Savickis at the Social Security Administration's Inkster branch office; State Representative James Kosteva; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator; and Jean Smith, Manager of the Romulus Towers for contributing information to this issue's "Senior News & Events."

Benefits, Tax Increase Set for January

A 4.7% cost-of-living adjustment will increase the amount of Social Security and supplemental security income (SSI) payments received in January.

The annual benefit change raises the amount of the maximum age-65 Social Security retirement benefit to \$975 a month and the full Federal SSI payment to \$386 for an individual and \$579 for a couple.

The tax rate for Social Security will be 7.65% in 1990 for employers and employees and 15.3% for self-employed persons. The wage base — the amount of earnings subject to the tax — will increase from \$48,000 in 1989 to \$50,400 in 1990.

Benefit increases are made annually based on the change in the consumer price index from the third quarter of one year to the third quarter of the following year.

Other changes announced by the Social Security Administration include new limits for the retirement earnings test — the amount of earnings a bene-

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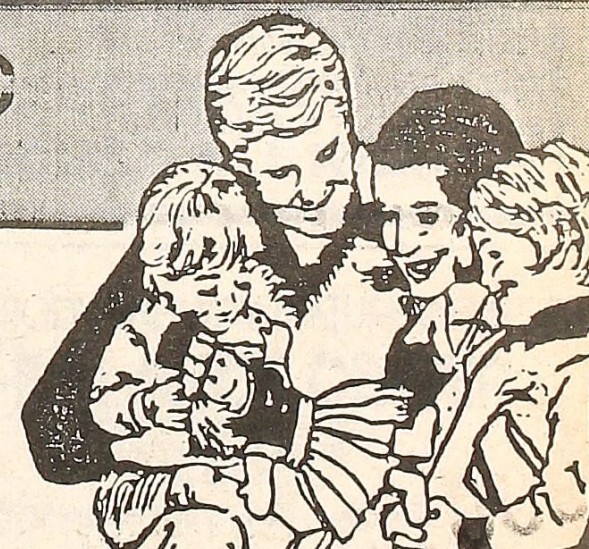
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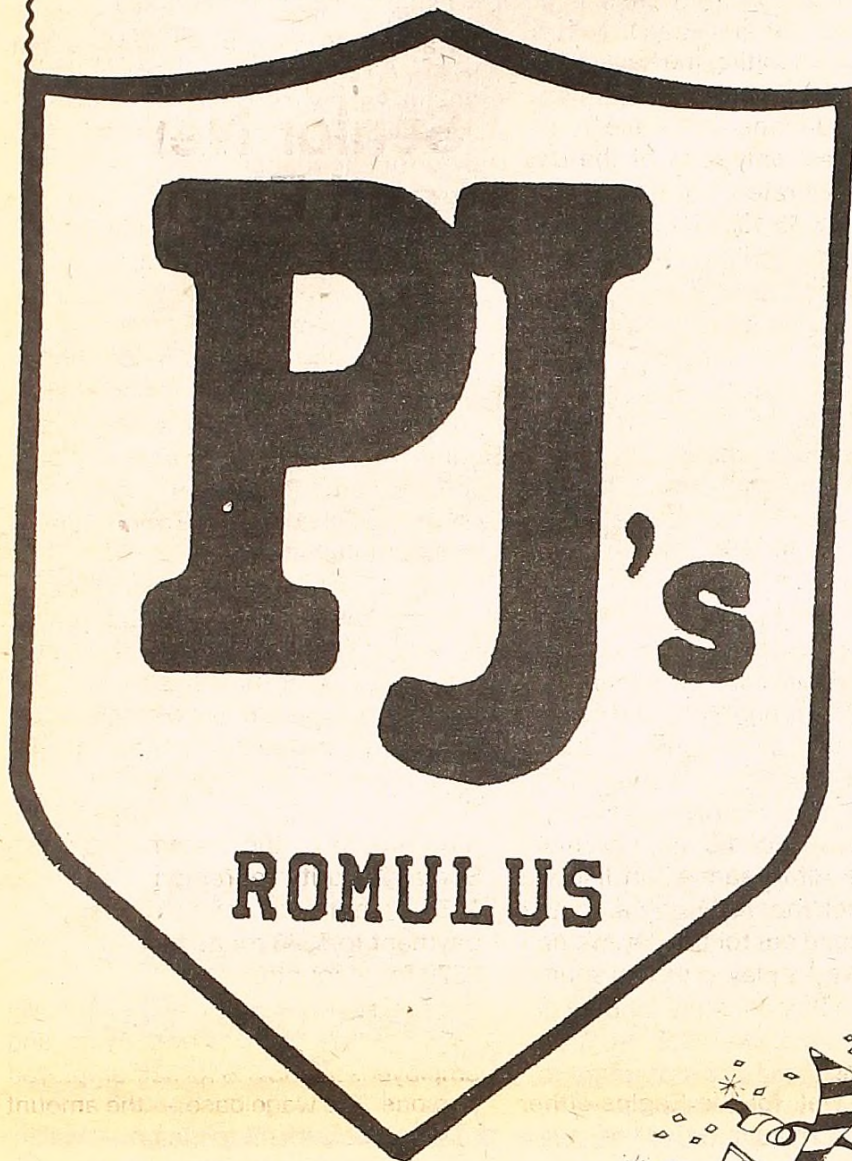


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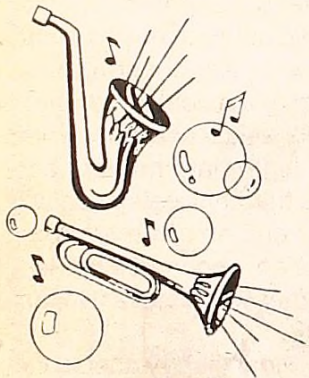
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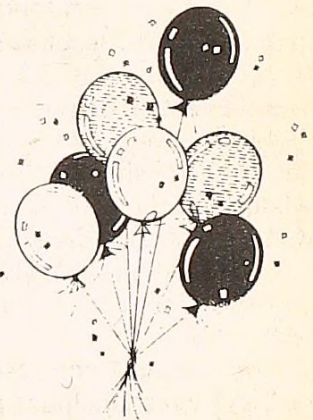
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NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Part-time Help Needed

The Recreation Department is looking for part-time help to work with children in various after-school programs. Pay rates vary. Call 942-6852 for details.

Quilting Classes

Classes covering both traditional and machine quilting for all skill levels are offered on Thursdays (beginning January 11) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Department. Call 942-6852 for more information.

Basketball Program

The Recreation Department's Drop-in Basketball Program has weekly sessions on Thursdays at North Junior High School on Wick Road. Play for Romulus junior high and senior high students begins at 5 p.m. and costs just \$1 per evening. (Youths wishing to play must show proper ID in order to participate.) Adult play follows the student games at 7 p.m., and also costs \$1 per evening.

Bowling Events for Adults

The Romulus Recreation Department has scheduled several adult bowling events for the first part of 1990 — two evenings of 9-pin bowling (January 20 and March 17) and two of Scotch doubles (February 17 and April 28). All bowling events will begin at 9:15 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

The entry fee of \$17 per couple for each event includes bowling, jackpots, and pizza. Registrations will be accepted, beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, on a first-come, first-served basis, and entry fees must be paid at that time. (Register at the Recreation Department.)

Bowling Events for Children

Bowling events for children are scheduled for February 10 (father/son bowling), March 10 (mother/daughter bowling), and April 7 (parent/child bowling). Each bowling event will begin between 3:30 and 4 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

The per-couple entry fee for each date is \$13, which includes pop, pizza, bowling, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registration (at the Recreation Center) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, and must be accompanied by the entry fee.

Lunch and Dinner Theatres

One luncheon and three dinner theatres are scheduled for early 1990 — *The Frog Prince* (dinner theatre on January 16 at Barth Elementary), *Chautauqua Express* (dinner theatre on February 20 at Wick Elementary), *Sweet Betsy from Pike* (dinner theatre on March 23 at Halecreek Elementary), and the Mask Puppet Theatre performing *The Monster That Ate Your Garden* (luncheon theatre on April 18 at Halecreek Elementary).

Tickets for each event are \$3 (children ages four and under are free). Further information will be published approximately one month prior to each

event.

Skiing for Junior High and Senior High Students

Junior high and senior high students can register for downhill ski trips, which will be held on January 19 and February 9. Advance registration is required, and can be made at the Recreation Building or with Mr. Williams at the Junior High. (Please send check or money order only, payable to Romulus Recreation, if you are registering at the Junior High.) The cost is \$15 per person, which includes adult supervision, transportation, and all equipment rentals. The bus will leave the Junior High at 3:15 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Permission slips can be picked up at the office.

Cross-Country Skiing

A couple of cross-country ski trips will be scheduled for January 13 and February 17, provided that there is snow. Each group will depart from the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost of \$6 per person includes transportation, adult supervision, and equipment rental.

Discount Ski Lodge Tickets

Discount ski tickets will be available for several ski lodges beginning in January. For further information, please contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

New Arrival

Lauren Elizabeth Sell

Barry and Susan (Milatz) Sell received an early Christmas present this year with the birth of their first child, Lauren Elizabeth, on December 7, 1989. Lauren, who was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor at 12:45 p.m., weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Lauren is the first granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Milatz and Harold and Virginia Sell (all of Romulus), and the first great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sell (of Romulus). She is also the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milatz (of Romulus) and the first niece of Cheryl Milatz and Greg Milatz. □

A 26-ounce Miracle

by Dave Atkins

Often, people call me with information about what the news media term "human interest stories," and, since this paper is published with just such news in mind, I usually print them. So when Sergeant Cora Semrau of the Romulus Police Department called me about a particularly unique story of this type, I naturally followed up on it.

A little over a year ago, longtime local residents Joseph and Stephanie Erickson became the proud grandpar-

ents of a bouncing baby boy — Trevor Lloyd Jones. Actually, however, the use of the word "bouncing" is not really appropriate in this case, since little Trevor weighed only 26 ounces at birth, and measured a scant 12 inches.

Trevor's father, Jeffrey Jones, is a United States Marine stationed in North Carolina. When his wife Carrie delivered their son in a Jacksonville hospital in August of 1988, the birth was four months early. Because of his obvious need for special care, Trevor was immediately transferred to the trauma unit of Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

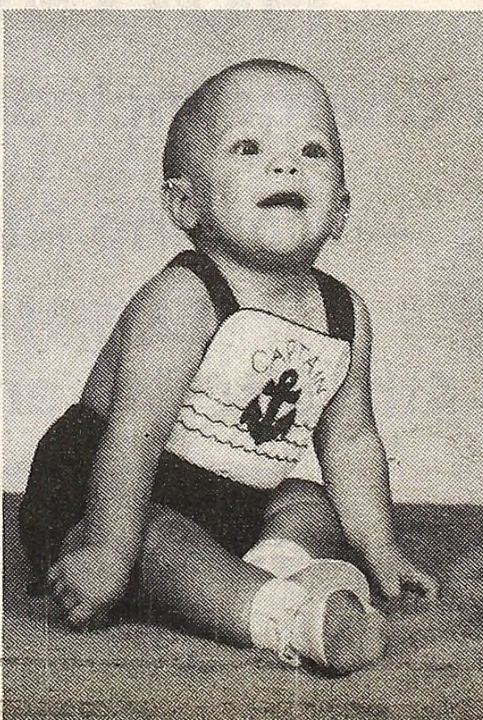
Trevor's grandparents were naturally concerned about their new grandson, and went to Greenville to help Carrie take care of the baby, staying at the Ronald McDonald house in Greenville while they were there.

According to Sgt. Semrau, it was touch and go with little Trevor at first; but, she said, "This was truly a miracle baby," and he pulled through it well. Today, Trevor weighs about 23 pounds and is a very healthy boy. (See, the Marines come through every time.)

Currently, grandparents Joseph (a 15-year employee of Romulus's Department of Public Works) and Stephanie (a housewife who probably works harder than her husband, as most housewives do) are enjoying the company of their grandson and his parents, who came to spend Christmas in Romulus this year. Jeffrey, Carrie, and Trevor will return to North Carolina on January 2.

When I interviewed Sgt. Semrau for this story, she made a statement to me that I thought was well worth printing, even though Christmas will be over by the time you read this.

"Christmas is a time we all hope for a miracle of some sort. Some come true and, unfortunately, some do not. But, basically, everyone goes on hoping and praying. Being that Christmas is, at its very roots, a holiday where we celebrate the very birth of Jesus and all that his birth brought us, I think it is truly miraculous and wonderful that the Ericksons are blessed with the greatest gift of all — a happy, healthy family — and, most of all, their littlest addition, Trevor Jones. . . . It is our prayer for all to have an equally happy and healthy Holiday and New Year." □



Obituary

Moses Askew

Former Romulus resident Moses Askew died December 11, 1989, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was 67 years old.

Moses was the dear father of Lawrence O. Askew (of Atlanta, GA), Moses Franklin Askew (of Belleville), Lowell Askew (of Santa Anna, CA), Timothy A. Askew (of Minneapolis, MN), Walter P. Askew (of Romulus), Mrs. J.C. (Laura L.) Kelley (of Ypsilanti), Miss Linda R. Askew (of Richmond, MI), Mrs. William (Cynthia A.) Griffin (of Ypsilanti), and Mrs. Al (R. Joyce) Culbreath (of Ypsilanti). He is also survived by brothers William A. Askew (of Detroit) and Philip D. Askew (of River Rouge); sisters Mrs. Bonnie Armstrong, Mrs. Ernest (Lorraine) Williams (of Detroit), and Mrs. Booker (Nellie) Loving (of River Rouge); and 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services for the Ford Motor Company retiree were held Saturday, December 16, at the First Baptist Church in Romulus, with the Rev. Charles P. Woolridge officiating. United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township was the site of interment. □

Kosteva Sponsors Weapons Bill

According to House Speaker Lewis N. Dodak (D-Birch Run Area), new legislation sponsored by House Democrats would ban fully automatic assault weapons in Michigan.

"Our police say they're in danger of being outgunned by drug dealers on the streets," said Dodak. "We have to remove the dealer's weapon of choice."

"Good public policy in this area can be balanced with our constitutional right to bear arms," he continued, "and, as a hunting enthusiast and gun owner, I can promise legitimate hunters and honest citizens that this legislation will not restrict our choice of firearms."

The legislation, sponsored by Representative James A. Kosteva (D-Canton), would:

- require a criminal history check and a mental health background declaration of persons purchasing firearms;
- ban the sale of shotguns capable of accepting ammunition drums or magazine clips that hold more than five rounds;
- revoke current law that allows individuals to buy and possess fully automatic weapons;
- ban the sale or possession of firearm conversion "kits" used to change a semiautomatic gun to fully automatic firing, and allow for the business license revocation of gun dealers who provide the kits or offer instructions on how to convert the weapons.

The House Democratic initiative also includes a "gun-lock" bill introduced earlier this year by Representa-

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Christmas at St. Aloysius

by Nancy Farmer, St. Aloysius Parents Club Public Relations Liaison

After Santa arrived in Romulus on December 1, the St. Aloysius Parents Club invited him to join us for breakfast on Saturday morning. The parents and children started arriving about 9:15 a.m., and we all sat down to scrambled eggs, sausage, bagels, and sweet rolls while we patiently waited for Santa (who must have overslept) to come.

The jolly old elf arrived an hour later, greeting everyone at the tables and then taking his seat on his throne. When the children came to sit on his lap and tell him their secret wishes, they were given a bag of treats, a candy cane, and a balloon. Smiles filled the school hall that morning, and a delightful time was had by all.

St. Aloysius Parents Club plans on making this a yearly event, and we hope to see all of you there next year.

The Christmas season is always a busy time, and this year, at St. Aloysius, it was no different. The children worked hard on a play called *Outside the Inn*, which they presented on December 15. It was a truly wonderful performance.

Then, before going on their Christmas break, the first, second, and third graders went to see a performance of *Cinderella*, and the fourth and fifth graders took a trip to see the beautiful Christmas displays out at Greenfield Village.

We at St. Aloysius wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. □

Letter to the Editor

What a shame! We finally get an individual who cares about our kids and parks within the City of Romulus, and because she doesn't get politically involved, she is replaced.

I have had a couple occasions to talk to Ms. Dick about my son and his problems, and she has always handled each situation with compassion and professionalism. The activities my son has taken a part in have helped him tremendously with self-confidence and also in school with grades and attitude. Ms. Dick made a point to meet with myself, my son, and the leader to correct any problems.

Ms. Dick has brought to this community what recreation is all about.

It is too bad that the City has to tighten its belt by replacing someone who cares, especially when some City employees tell me that Romulus is spending a fortune on attorney fees for arbitration and grievance cases.

I know that this letter will accomplish nothing, but at least I am voicing my support and thanks to Ms. Dick. I encourage everyone who feels the way that I do to voice their opinions, also.

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Tracey Jones □

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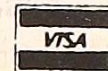
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Eagles Win Tournament

In the final day of the two-day Romulus Tournament, held Tuesday, December 26, and Wednesday, December 27, Romulus High School's Varsity Eagle basketball team walked away with the championship, beating New Boston Huron by a decisive score of 90-64.

Romulus Schools Athletic Director Fred Coleman had been confident of the Eagles' chances before the game,

and was rightfully proud of their performance on the court.

"This victory is a great boost to the team, especially after our last two losses (to Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ypsilanti)," he said.

The consolation game of the Tournament, played between the teams of Taylor Kennedy and Lincoln Park, saw Taylor take the win, 56-37. □

ROMULUS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE — WINTER 1989-90

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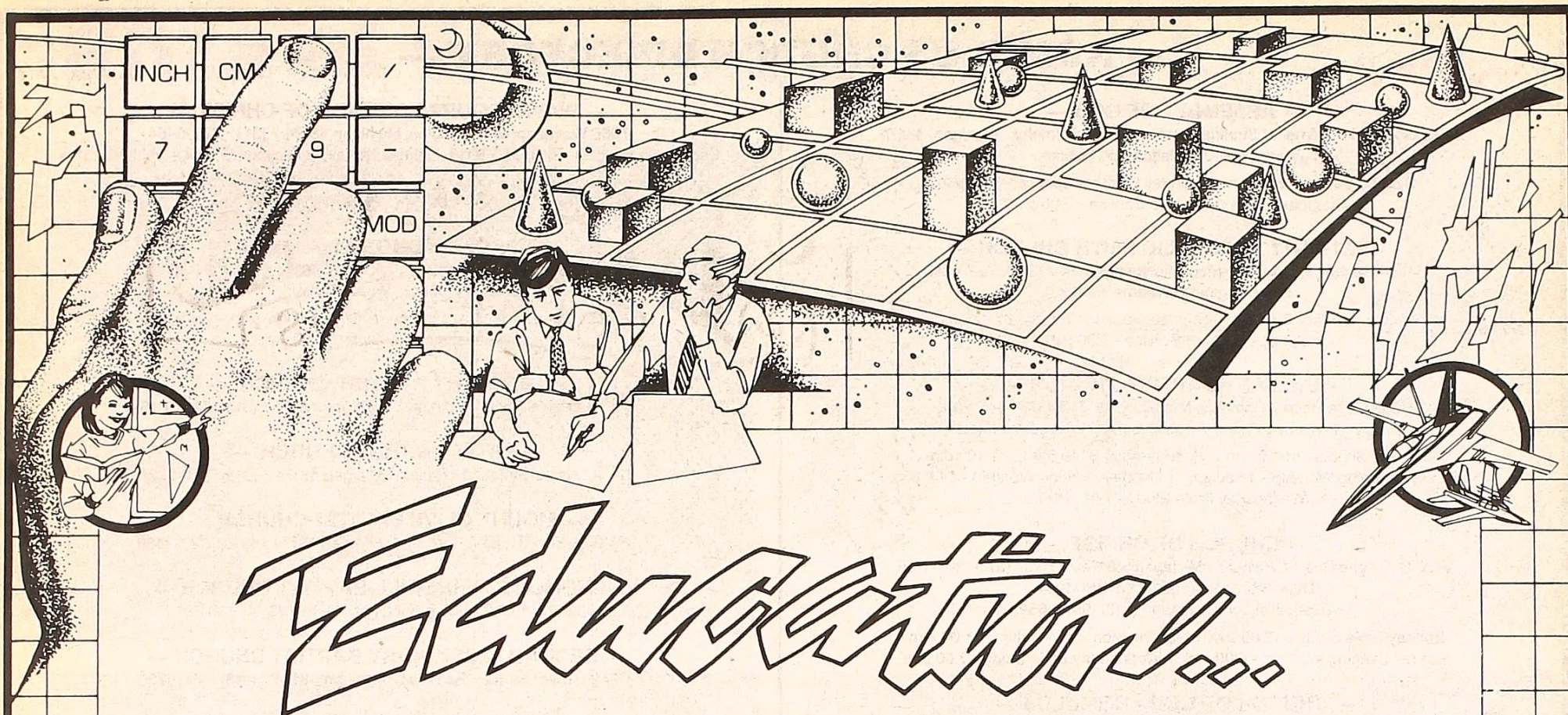
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Tu	1/16	3:30pm	Away	Hilbert
Th	1/18	3:30pm	Home	Ypsilanti-West
Tu	1/23	3:30pm	Away	Garden City
Th	1/25	3:30pm	Home	Ypsilanti-East
Tu	1/30	3:30pm	Home	Riverside
Th	2/1	3:30pm	Away	Pierce

Head Coach: Rob Willette

Volleyball

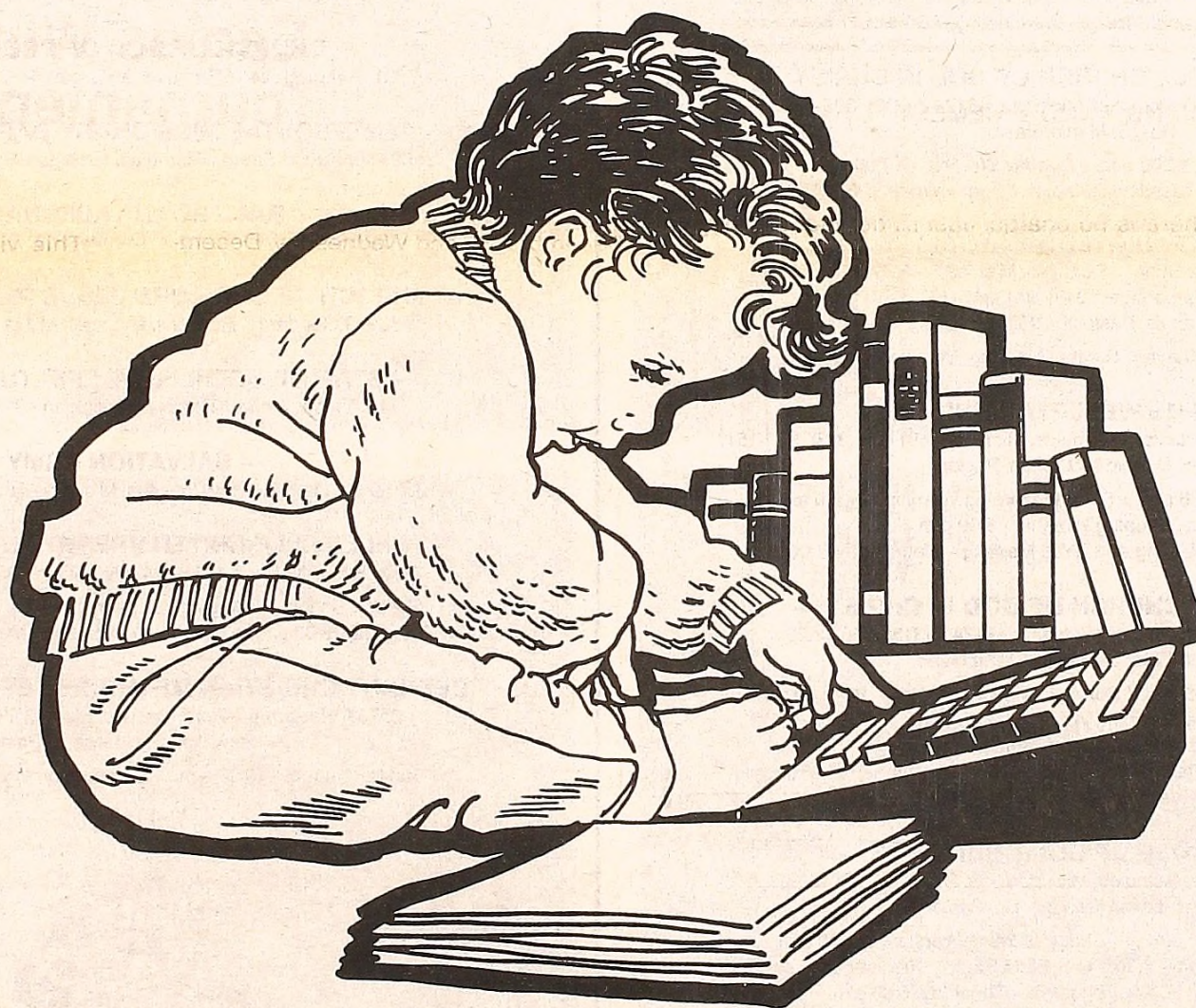
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Th	2/22	3:30pm	Home	Pierce
Th	3/1	4:00pm	Home	Southfield Christian
M	3/5	3:30pm	Away	Hilbert
W	3/7	3:30pm	Home	Ypsilanti-West
Sa	3/10	8:30am	Home	Romulus Roman Tournament
W	3/14	3:30pm	Home	Ypsilanti-East
M	3/19	3:30pm	Home	Riverside
W	3/21	3:30pm	Away	Pierce

Head Coach: Kim Rose



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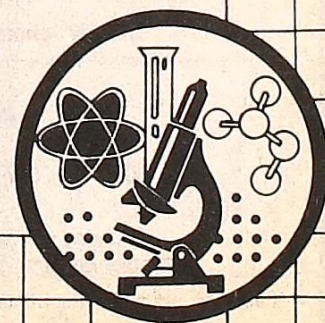
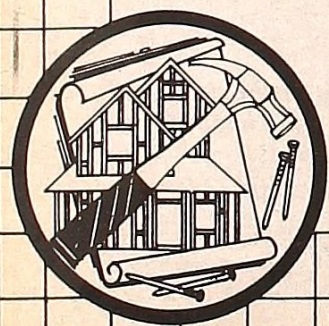
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— BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

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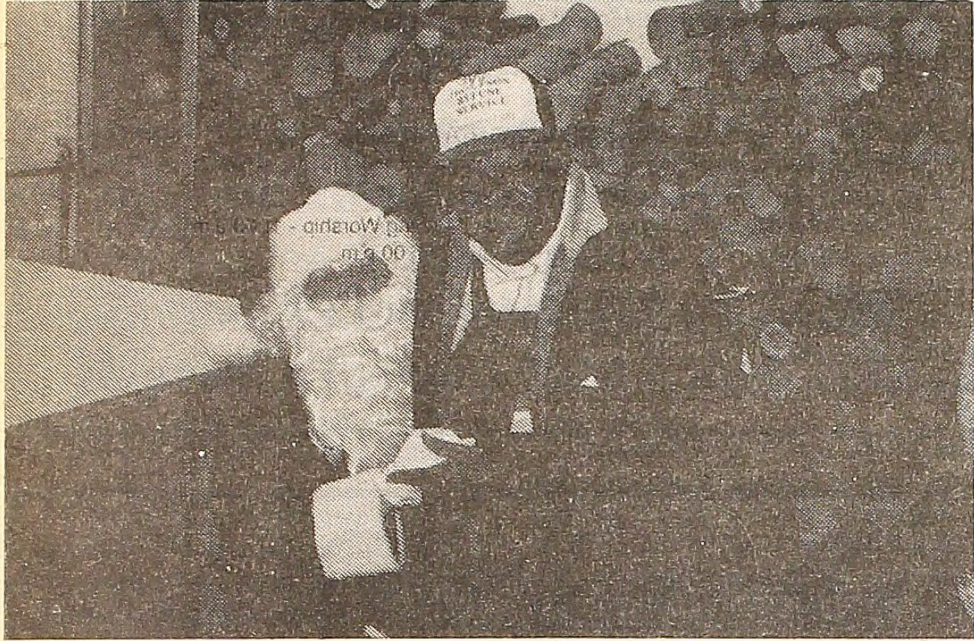
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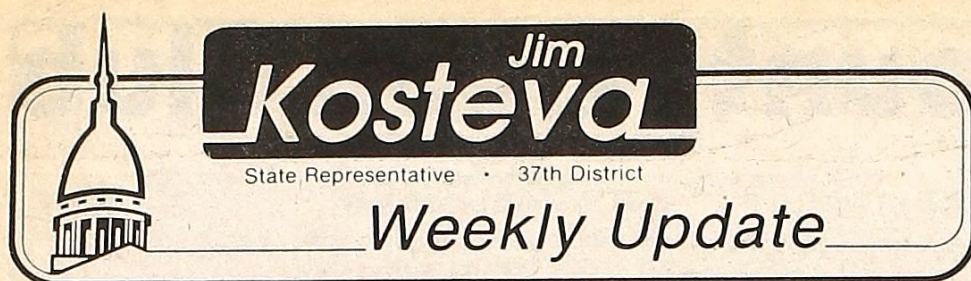
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Happy **NEW** Year



by James Kosteva, State Representative,
37th District

1990 National Census

State lawmakers are urging all Michigan residents to cooperate with next year's national census, since an undercount could cost a community about \$2,000 for every uncounted person, over the next 10 years. An accurate head count will ensure that Michigan receives a fair share of state and federal dollars, which will help relieve local property tax burdens.

Committee Reports "Medical Wastes" Legislation

Legislation that would impose fines and penalties for improper disposal of medical waste has been approved by a House committee. This legislation, prompted by incidents of used syringes and intravenous bags washing up on four Lake Michigan beaches, would require health facilities to properly separate, package, and decontaminate their waste.

Bill Would Protect Adult Foster Care Residents

House lawmakers have approved a bill that would prohibit adult foster care facilities from providing any services if the Department of Social Services had revoked, suspended, or refused to renew the facility's operating license. Supporters of the bill say it would provide a greater measure of protection to adult foster care patients unable to protect themselves.

Bill to Provide for Insurance Conversion

The Legislature has passed a bill that would require insurers to give individuals who are no longer eligible for group coverage the option of continuing their coverage on an individual policy. This legislation is aimed at those who lose their group coverage due to company budget cuts, divorce, or loss of employment, or death or illness.

Forfeiture from Drug Raids May Fund Enforcement

A bill now before a House committee would authorize the seizure and forfeiture of any real property that a convicted drug criminal acquired with the proceeds of the crime. Revenues from the sale of seized property would go back into drug law enforcement efforts. The bill also specifies that the primary residence of the convicted person's spouse or a dependent child would not be seized if they did not know of and consent to the crime.

Legislation Makes Employer MESC Fraud a Felony

Legislators have approved a new law that would make it a felony for an employer to require or knowingly allow an employee to falsify unemployment claims that would defraud the State unemployment compensation system. This action follows reports that some

employers have compelled workers to collect unemployment benefits while continuing to work for no pay as a condition of unemployment. The felony would be punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Bill Would Impose Fee on Incinerator Ash

House lawmakers have passed a bill that would allow municipalities to impose a fee on solid waste incinerator ash disposed of in landfills located in the municipality. The money would be deposited into the general fund of the municipality and would be used to promote the public health, safety, or welfare of the community's residents.

Measure Would Affect Annexation of Schools

House lawmakers are considering a bill that would affect consolidation and annexation of school districts. The bill would establish a blueprint for school officials to follow during consolidations and other types of school reorganizations.

Bill Would Curb Steroid Traffic

House lawmakers have passed a bill that would impose appropriate penalties for illegal use, sale, and distribution of anabolic steroids. The bill would impose felony penalties for illegal sale and distribution and misdemeanor penalties for illegal use of the muscle-building drugs, which have been linked to short- and long-term physical damage to the user.

New Law Protects Children in Divorce Cases

Under a House bill signed into law, spouses of foreign citizens who fear their children might be kidnapped during a divorce would be exempt from listing their home address on divorce documents. The new law allows judges to waive that requirement when violence or kidnapping is threatened by a foreign citizen who is divorcing a Michigan resident.

Proposed Bill Would Regulate Fitness Centers

To help protect the financial health of Michigan consumers who want to improve their physical health and appearance, House lawmakers are considering a bill that would establish regulatory standards for fitness "spas" and centers. Under the bill, physical fitness services contracts would have to meet specific consumer protection standards.

1990 Blue Ribbon Grants

All communities, public agencies, and private, nonprofit organizations are urged to apply for 1990 Blue Ribbon

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WEAPONS BILL

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tive Alma G. Stallworth (D-Detroit), which would require handgun owners in Michigan either to store their firearms in a locked case or to securely lock the trigger. Stallworth said her bill, which is intended to protect children from injury, would establish strict penalties for adults who are negligent when storing firearms, leaving them accessible to minors. Persons also could be charged with a felony if their improperly stored handgun ended up in the hands of a juvenile without the gun owner's knowledge and was used in a life-threatening manner or to inflict an injury.

Said Kosteva, "Based on what various police officials have reported, and on the news reports of the many horrible incidents connected with fully automatic weapons, I am convinced that we have to take strong action against the criminals who abuse their right to bear arms in order to spread death and terror throughout our state."

Also endorsing the legislation is Representative Jerry C. Bartnik (D-Temperance), a hunter who is a member of the National Rifle Association. "A few years ago, you would never see my name associated with this kind of bill," he said, "but, because of the fatal link between these kinds of weapons and the spread of drugs throughout our state, I'm offering my support for this measure." □

ed, with the cooperation of the grade school principals, and maintained many after school programs such as soccer, floor hockey, basketball, etc. Her Daddy-Daughter Date Nite idea has annually grown to such overwhelming response that the Progressive Hall had to be rented to accommodate everyone. Other successful programs Mrs. Dick has initiated in the short five years she has dedicatedly served you and her community are the Youth Recreational Bowling Leagues, Summer Co-ed Softball Leagues, beginning and advanced Gymnastics, Jazz dance classes and on and on, and the only reason you can give the public through the paper is that you want to restructure the Recreation Department.

Unbeknownst to you and many of the general public is the hours Debbie has spent away from her family officiating many of the after school programs when, on short notice, the scheduled official did not show up and she didn't want the event to be cancelled.

Whatever your reason for this decision, whether it be personal or political, you, Mrs. McNally, have made the wrong one.

I pray that your new appointee, whoever he or she may be, will continue these fine programs and the city, as a whole, will not lose.

If this writer sounds a little personal in his opinions, he is, because I am the proud husband of Mrs. Debbie Dick. □

SENIOR NEWS

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ficiary can earn and still receive full Social Security benefits. The limits for 1990 increase from \$8,880 to \$9,360 for people age 65 to 69, and from \$6,480 to \$6,840 for people who are under 65. After a person's seventieth birthday, no limit is placed on earnings.

The amount of earnings needed to earn one work credit for Social Security coverage will be \$520 in 1990, up from \$500. A maximum of four work credits can be earned per year.

Supplemental medical insurance premiums will increase from \$31.90 per month in 1989 to \$33.90 in 1990.

As a result of the increase in the tax

rate and the wage base, the maximum yearly Social Security tax paid by employees and employers, each, will rise by \$250.80 to \$3,855.60.

For self-employed persons, it will rise to \$7,711.20. About 10.4 million workers and self-employed persons will earn more than \$48,000 in 1990 and will be affected by the higher earnings base. **Bill Would Modernize Prevention Law on Elder Abuse**

To help protect the ever-increasing number of people who are subject to elder abuse, a House committee has approved legislation that would update the language and emphasis of the Adult Protective Services Act, making it more enforceable. The bill would permit stronger action to be taken against confidence tricksters and other unscrupulous operators who prey on the elderly and their families.

News from the Senior Center

Festival of Lights — Romulus seniors are invited to sign up at the Center for the Niagara Falls "Festival of Lights" trip, which will depart via deluxe highway motorcoach (restroom, reclining seats) on Tuesday, February 6, 1990. The cost of \$149 per person includes round-trip transportation, two nights' accommodations (double occupancy) in Niagara Falls, two dinners at a beautiful Victoria Park restaurant, admission to IMAX Theater (a six-story screen that will make you feel you are right at the falls), baggage handling, and sight-seeing (Festival of Lights tour, Brights Winery, and shopping at the Niagara Square). For information and/or reservations, contact Marilyn Masters at 942-6852.

Coming Up — New Year's Eve party (December 31, 5 to 9 p.m., Holiday Inn); Southland trip (January 5, 9:30 a.m.); "night out" (January 9, 4:30 p.m.); Plymouth ice sculptures/lunch with Pat (January 12, 11 a.m.); potluck spaghetti dinner (January 16); free blood-pressure screening (January 16, 1 to 3 p.m.); Wonderland trip (January 19, 9:30 a.m.); and Gibraltar Trade Center trip/lunch with Pat (January 26, 11 a.m.). Also, please don't forget that the Center will be closed for the New Year on January 1 and 2, and for the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 15.

News from the Romulus Towers

Jean Smith Honored — After nine

years of managing the Romulus Towers, Jean Smith is retiring, and will be leaving our little community. As a sort of tribute to her for all of her care, advice, and service to us, as well as to wish her good health and happiness in the future, Towers residents gave a luncheon party in her honor on Wednesday, December 20. There were many people in attendance to enjoy the festive occasion (including an incredible variety of delicious, beautifully prepared food), and the faces of everyone, especially Jean, were wreathed in smiles. Jean also received many lovely cards and gifts, and her thanks were as evident in the play of emotions on her face as they were in her words.

Good luck, Jean! We'll miss you!

Welcome! — Assuming Jean's duties as manager will be Sheila Hicks, who will be assisted by Sonja Palmer, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them on behalf of all of us at the Towers.

Happy Birthday! — I would like to send my best wishes to the following Towers residents with December birthdays: Mary Barnes, Vicky Bristow, Floyd Crandall, Imogene Davis, Leona Dudley, Nellie Kornelson, Mildred Lattin, Roy Livingston, Elizabeth Mack, and Sonja Palmer.

Thank you! — Towers residents would like to send a special thanks to the Girl Scouts and church choirs who came to spread holiday cheer in our building with their carolling. It was

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In My Opinion

by Ron Dick

Madam Mayor McNally, I was shocked, as were many concerned Romulus residents, over your recent decision not to reappoint Mrs. Dick as your Recreation Director. Your reason given of wanting to restructure the Recreation Department does not clearly justify the dismissing of this valued employee.

Since leaving her position of Recreation Supervisor of Wayne to assume her duties here at Romulus, for whom you actively pursued, Debbie has start-



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by TOM SHAMANSKI



A Weird Beard Tale

by Tom Shamanski

Five years ago, I swore I would never do it again. And believe me, I wouldn't be doing it now if it weren't for my five-year-old daughter Meredith. She must have come across some old pictures and seen my face splashed with gobs of fuzz. Soon, she was asking, "Daddy, will you grow another beard? Will ya, Daddy, for me?"

"Honey," I answered, "I don't think so. They're really a lot of trouble, and Daddy doesn't have time to trim it every day. You understand, don't you, Sweetheart?"

While saying, "Sure, that's okay, I understand," her eyes told me, "But, Daddy, you said you'd do anything for me."

Naturally, folks, later that day, I stashed my razors and shaving cream in the hall closet, and now have three days worth of stubble slowly ambushing my face. Walking by a mirror awhile ago, I peeked in and saw Yassar Arafat. In fact, right now, I've got more skin than whiskers covering my cheeks... kind of like getting spray painted through a screen door.

Actually, a large part of my reluctance to beard-it stems from my last beard growth. That one lasted about three years, and, for the most part, everything went okay. Oh, there was the usual itching, as well as occasional third-degree burns from the hair dryer. And, of course, there was that very special time in Deanne's Gym and Bait Shop (coat check optional), when Cher whispered that she wanted to have a brief and meaningless relationship with me. Then, while I was paying for a mess of worms, she was told that I wasn't a bearded baby-rock-star, and she tossed me aside faster than Julia Child tossing a salad.

The major problem with that particular beard began with an innocent visit to a local carnival. Browsing through the maze of booths, rides, and such, I spotted a bearded lady whose fiery-red growth flowed gracefully and elegantly to her knees. Strangely enough, she wasn't with the carnival, but rather with a group of Hari Krishnas who were working the crowd selling lawn mowers. After purchasing a state-of-the-art Toro (had AM-FM stereo and cruise control, too), my love for this lady's beard compelled me to let my beard grow long enough to tickle my toes.

Well, months later, I fulfilled my compulsion and was sporting a magnificent five-foot beard that not only looked terrific, but was functional as

well. You see, folks, I used it as a line for hanging laundry, as a secret hiding place for shy fleas, and actually got a part-time janitorial job using it as a broom. Chances are, I'd still have that beard (and possibly my own janitorial service and flea circus, by now), except that, one day, it almost cost me my life.

While in the bathroom, taking care of business, so to speak, I carelessly let my beard tumble from my hand into the flushing toilet. It's best not to go much further on this, but I'm sure you get the flow... it was frightening! To this day, even, the sound of a flushing toilet can cause me a severe case of self-induced whiplash.

Anyway, now that I'm aware of all the pitfalls of growing a beard, I'm confident that I can do a good job of it... sensibly and in moderation. Besides, if I do get obsessive again and let it get out of hand, I'm certain that there's a beard therapist somewhere who has a razor-sharp grasp on this strange, hairy obsession. And hey, my medical insurance is paid up in the event of another close encounter of the drowning kind!

But wait, folks — all this may be moot, as Meredith just trotted in here, bringing me some coffee. Seeing her, I gathered her up and smothered her with a mountain-hug, but she quickly pulled back, crying, "Ouch, your whiskers hurt my face! Why don't you shave, Daddy? Your face looks yucky like that!"

What? Yucky? □

It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

A careless driving ticket is three points, while a reckless driving ticket is six points.

When a person receives a reckless driving ticket, it mandates a court appearance. If the reckless driving is contested, then the matter proceeds to court as in any other criminal matter. To convict for reckless driving, the prosecutor must show driving with the intent to cause danger to person or property.

Careless driving is driving in a negligent manner, causing danger to person or property. Careless driving is a civil infraction and, unlike reckless driving, is not a crime. A careless driving ticket may be paid by a fine with no court appearance, or a court hear-

ing may be scheduled if the ticket is contested.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Banks Named "Person of the Year"

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has chosen Mary Ann Banks as the tenth annual Romulus Person of the Year. Banks was selected after an extensive selection process was done by the Person of the Year committee, and then voted on by the Chamber's Board of Directors.

A lifelong resident of Romulus, Banks has played an important role in the City's progress.

She served her community for 12 years as Mayor Pro Tem and Chairperson of the City Council until her retirement in 1989.

Banks has great concern that all citizens have pride in Romulus. As Mayor Pro Tem, she was active in promoting senior citizen housing, establishing the Romulus Police Department, and promoting residential and business development. She has also volunteered many hours speaking to high school students about city government, and has been instrumental in establishing the annual Student Government Day at City Hall. Her membership in many municipal organizations helped her to be one of the best mayor pro tems.

An "outstanding employee" for the Romulus School System, Banks has devoted hundreds of hours to community work, helping students, parents, staff, and other citizens. She has also given generously of her time by serving as chairman for fairs, festivals, PTA functions, etc.

Still another area of involvement for Banks has been St. Aloysius Catholic Church, of which she is a lifelong member.

In short, Banks has made Romulus a better place to live.

A special Award and Dinner Dance, honoring Banks's outstanding contributions and accomplishments, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 2 at the Hilton Inn. The price of \$30 per person must be paid in advance to the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. □

FROM THE HEART

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being able to go back to work full-time after one week of time lost after being treated by medical doctors.

California Study

In 1972, C. Richard Wolf, M.D., utilizing records that were provided by the California Division of Labor Statistics and Research, completed an independent study of back injuries which are routinely reported to the Division. Dr. Wolf's study was designed to compare time loss due to industrial back injury when treated by either a medical doctor or a chiropractor. The study was set up to deal with the next arriving 500 reports of back injuries treated by medical doctors and the next 500 who sought chiropractic care. Each of the patients was contacted by mail and asked three questions regarding the treatment that they had received. Of the 1,000 queried, 629 replied to the letters. The results are tabulated here.

	A	B	C	D
Chiropractor	15.6	61.0	47.9	6.7
Medical Doctor	32.0	34.8	21.0	13.2
A = Average Number of Days Lost				
B = % Reporting Complete Recovery				
C = % Number of Days Lost				
D = % Over 60 Days				

Wisconsin Study

This report summarizes a study of industrial back injury in Wisconsin during 1977. The results indicate that cases treated by a chiropractor will have, on the average, a significantly shorter compensation time and healing period, and that chiropractic treatment results in lower medical expenses and lower indemnity amounts per case. The results are tabulated here:

	Days Care	Average Cost
Chiropractors	13.2	\$145.64
Medical Doctors	21.8	\$267.58

Summary

We have now covered the facts as revealed by official records from people who could conceivably have no bias in the matter. They deal only in statistics ranging from 1949 through 1977. The conclusions are inescapable: chiropractic is far more effective in dealing with industrial back injuries. The records reach this inescapable conclusion without any additional comment being required. □



Romulus High School Sports Will Be "Kickin' in '90"

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE — WINTER 1989-90

Boys' Basketball

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	OPPONENT
F	1/5	5:00pm	Away	Highland Park
Tu	1/9	6:00pm	Home	New Boston Huron
F	1/12	6:00pm	Home	Ann Arbor Huron
Tu	1/16	6:00pm	Away	Taylor Truman
Tu	1/23	5:30pm	Home	Bedford
F	1/26	6:00pm	Home	Adrian
F	2/2	6:00pm	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Tu	2/6	5:30pm	Away	River Rouge
F	2/9	6:00pm	Home	Ypsilanti
Tu	2/13	5:30pm	Home	Willow Run
F	2/16	6:00pm	Away	Ann Arbor Huron
Tu	2/20	6:00pm	Away	Ypsilanti-Lincoln
Tu	2/27	6:00pm	Home	Taylor Center
F	3/2	6:00pm	Away	Adrian

Head Coach: Chris Molloy; Assistant Coach: Marcus Harris

Volleyball

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	OPPONENT
Th	12/28	8:30am	Home	Romulus Tournament (JV)
F	12/29	8:30am	Home	Romulus Tournament (V)
Sa	1/6	TBA	Away	Oscoda Tournament
M	1/8	6:00pm	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer
W	1/10	6:00pm	Home	Ypsilanti
Sa	1/13	8:00am	Away	Carlson Tournament (V)
Sa	1/13	TBA	Away	Howell (JV)
W	1/17	6:00pm	Away	Ann Arbor Huron
Sa	1/20	8:00am	Away	Plymouth (JV)
M	1/22	5:30pm	E.F.	Edsel Ford/Howell
W	1/24	6:00pm	Away	Adrian
W	1/31	6:00pm	Away	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Sa	2/3	TBA	Away	U of M - Dearborn (V)
M	2/5	6:00pm	Away	Ypsilanti
Th	2/8	2:45pm	Home	Romulus Roman Tournament (JV)
Sa	2/10	8:30am	Home	Romulus Roman Tournament (V)
W	2/14	6:00pm	Home	Ann Arbor Huron
Sa	2/17	TBA	Away	Lincoln Park (JV)
Sa	2/17	8:00am	Away	Woodhaven (V)
W	2/21	6:00pm	Home	Adrian
Th	2/22	5:30pm	Home	Highland Park/Clarenceville
Sa	2/24	TBA	Away	Lincoln Park (V)
M	2/26	TBA	TBA	Pre-Districts Begin (Through 3/1)
Sa	3/3	TBA	TBA	Districts
Sa	3/10	TBA	TBA	Regionals
Sa	3/17	TBA	TBA	State Final

Head Coach: Gail Coleman; Assistant Coach: Dennis Stoh

Wrestling

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	OPPONENT
Th	12/28	TBA	Away	Plymouth-Salem (JV)
Sa	1/6	TBA	Away	Brother Rice Team Classic Tourn.
W	1/10	5:00pm	Ypsi	John Glenn/Monroe/Ypsilanti (V)
Th	1/11	6:00pm	Away	Detroit Catholic Central (JV)
Sa	1/13	TBA	Away	Lincoln Park Invitational (V)
Sa	1/13	8:00am	Away	Flint Kearsley (JV)
Tu	1/16	5:30pm	Away	Hazel Park (V & JV)
Th	1/18	6:30pm	Home	Adrian (V & JV)
F	1/19	TBA	Away	Toledo Waite Invitational
Sa	1/20	TBA	Away	Toledo Waite Invitational
W	1/24	TBA	Away	Monroe Invitational (JV)
Th	1/25	6:30pm	Away	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Sa	1/27	10:00am	Home	Romulus Royal Invitational
Th	2/1	6:30pm	Home	Ann Arbor Huron (V & JV)
Sa	2/3	TBA	Ypsi	S.C.C. League Tournament

Head Coach: Norman Butler;

Assistant Coaches: Tracy Cline, Bill Garland, John Montroy

Here's wishing all
of our very special readers
a safe, happy New Year.
We hope to serve you even
better in the coming year.

— the staff of "the little paper"

Community Calendar

Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon — Mayor Beverly McAnally is scheduled to speak at the Chamber Membership Luncheon, to be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, at the Holiday Inn. The cost is \$9, and reservations must be made in advance. (All cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance to avoid charges.) Everyone is encouraged to bring along another employee or business associate.

Concert Series — In early 1990, the Downriver Council for the Arts will present the final two concerts in its series of concerts featuring Michigan artists. On Friday, January 19, the folk group Footloose will perform at Woodhaven High School at 8 p.m. Then, on Friday, April 6, Phil Esser and Company will perform songs from *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, as well as other music from the '60s, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt High School.

Individual tickets are \$8 each. For more information on tickets or shows, call the DCA at 281-ARTS or 281-2469.

National Health Federation — The local chapter of the National Health Federation meets in Room 109 of the Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, call the In-Balance Center at 941-8778.

Romulus Adolescent Health Center Council — The next meeting of the RAHCC has been scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the library at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road). These meetings are open to the public. Please call 941-2170, ext. 26, for more information.

Romulus Arts Council — The Romulus Arts Council meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. For information, call 941-0476.

Romulus Cable Commission — The Cable Commission meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Romulus City Council — The Romulus City Council meets at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. (Some meetings do not follow this schedule because of holidays. For more information, contact Linda Choate, City Clerk, at 942-7540.)

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education — The Romulus Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Office (36540 Grant Road).

Romulus Community Schools Sporting Events — Watch for future sporting events in the "School Sports" column, or contact Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, at 941-3414.

Romulus Democratic Club — The Romulus Democratic Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Romulus VFW building (on Huron River Drive east of Hannan Road) at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call Club Chairman Jim Napierkowski at 941-5412.

Romulus Historical Society — The Romulus Historical Society meets in the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President, at 697-9628.

Romulus Horseman's Association — The Romulus Horseman's Association meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Romulus Public Library — The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) currently is following its Winter Schedule, and will be open during the following hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information on the Library and its programs and resources, call 942-7589. (Please note that, due to the New Year holiday, the Library will be closed December 29 through January 1.)

Romulus Recreation Department — Watch for activity updates in the "Rec News" column, or call the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Romulus Right-to-Life — The Romulus Right-to-Life group meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome!

Romulus Rovers — Join the fastest-growing club in town — the Romulus Rovers Walking Club. All ages are welcome to participate. For information on membership and walks, please call 941-2215.

Romulus Senior Center — Watch for activity updates in the "Senior News & Events" column, or call the Center at 942-6852.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9568 (39270 Huron River Drive) is extending a cordial invitation to all ladies who wish to join this worthwhile organization. For further information, call Pat Corpe at 941-6176 or Nellie Fortner at 697-8230.

For information about upcoming art exhibits, plays, concerts, festivals, professional sporting events, and other activities in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, call the "What's Line" at 298-6262 for a pre-recorded message.

To place information in the "Community Calendar," please call 941-3113.

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Opportunities Project grants from the Michigan Youth Corps. The grants are used to encourage innovative Youth Corps projects that use local resources and provide meaningful benefits to the communities. All interested persons should contact the Michigan Youth Corps office at (517) 699-1320 before the application deadline of February 15, 1990.

Legislation to Tackle Infant Mortality

State lawmakers have passed two bills to help tackle the problems of infant mortality in Michigan through parental education and State review of infant mortality trends. The bills would require the Michigan Department of Public Health to develop and mail a brochure about parenting to all first-time parents and would establish a Child Mortality Review Panel in the Department of Public Health to review child fatalities and recommend action to the Governor and the Legislature.

Legislative Forum is a weekly television program of news, discussion, and commentary from the Michigan House of Representatives. Check local TV and cable listings for stations and broadcast times. □

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- St. Aloysius Catholic Church (second Friday of the month, 2 p.m., card room). □

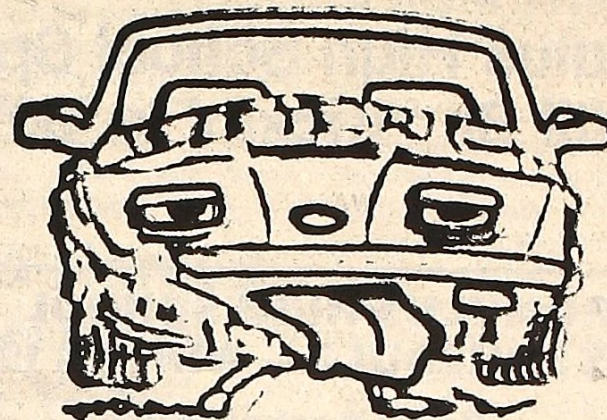
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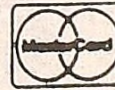
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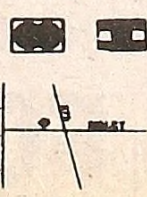
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